

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A rolled covering material, for use in covering a support surface by overlapping adjacent strips of said covering material, said rolled covering material comprising:

a substrate having upper and lower surfaces;

an asphalt composition saturating said substrate and coating a portion of said upper surface of said substrate to form a decorative surface area and a clean surface area on said upper surface of said substrate;

~~a decorative material~~ granules adhered to said asphalt composition on said decorative surface area;

an adhesive composition disposed on at least a portion of said bottom surface of said substrate to form an adhesive surface area, wherein said adhesive surface area is ~~capable~~ of adhering ~~adheres~~ to said clean surface area when overlapping strips of ~~said~~ two adjacent covering material ~~materials~~ are applied to cover said support surface such that substantially only said decorative surface area is areas of said adjacent covering materials are exposed; and

~~a release backing disposed over said adhesive surface area for preventing said adhesive surface area from adhering to said~~

~~decorative surface area when said covering material is rolled.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The rolled covering material of claim 1 further including a parting agent ~~covering another portion covered surface area~~ of said bottom surface of said substrate ~~to form a parting agent covered surface area generally opposite said clean surface area,~~ wherein said parting agent covered surface area resists adhering to said clean surface area when said covering material is rolled.

3. (Currently Amended) The rolled covering material of claim 1-2 wherein said parting agent surface area has a length and a width W1 and said decorative surface area includes a length and a width W2, where said width W2 is wider than said clean surface area to provide a region of greater than double coverage where said overlapping strips of said covering material are fastened to said surface width W1.

4. (Original) The rolled covering material of claim 1 wherein said substrate includes a fibrous material.

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5. (Original) The rolled covering material of claim 1
wherein said substrate is a fiberglass mat.

6. (Original) The rolled covering material of claim 1
wherein said asphalt composition includes an oxidized asphalt with
a mineral filler to increase fire resistance.

7. (Original) The rolled covering material of claim 6
wherein said mineral filler is limestone.

8. (Currently Amended) The rolled covering material of
claim 1 wherein said asphalt composition includes by weight about
50% limestone filler, about 47% oxidized asphalt, and about 3% SBS
styrene butadiene styrene rubber.

9. (Currently Amended) The rolled covering material of
claim 4 wherein said clean surface area ~~has been scraped to expose~~
includes exposed fibers on said upper surface of said substrate.

10. (Original) The rolled covering material of claim 1
wherein said decorative material includes a granular material

deposited on said asphalt composition.

11. (Original) The rolled covering material of claim 1 wherein said adhesive composition includes a rubberized asphalt material.

12. (Currently Amended) The rolled covering material of claim 1 wherein said adhesive composition includes by weight about 8% styrene butadiene styrene SBS rubber, about 20% filler, about 10% oil, and about 62% flux asphalt.

13. (Currently Amended) The rolled covering material of claim 1 wherein said asphalt composition has a lower and said adhesive composition have a fuel content wherein said fuel content compared to of said asphalt composition is lower than said fuel content of said adhesive composition, and wherein an amount of said asphalt composition is about twice an amount of said adhesive composition to improve fire resistance.

14. (Currently Amended) A rolled roofing membrane, for use in covering a roof by overlapping adjacent strips of said roofing membrane, said rolled roofing membrane comprising:

a substrate having upper and lower surfaces;

an asphalt composition saturating said substrate and coating a portion of said upper surface of said substrate to form a roofing surface area and a clean surface area on said upper surface of said substrate;

a granular material adhered to said asphalt composition on said roofing surface area;

an adhesive composition disposed on a portion of said bottom surface lower of said substrate to form an adhesive surface area, wherein said adhesive surface area ~~is capable of adhering~~ adheres to said clean surface area when overlapping strips of said ~~covering material~~ two adjacent rolled roofing membranes are applied to cover said surface roof such that said decorative surface area granular materials of each of said two adjacent rolled roofing membranes is exposed;

a release backing disposed over said adhesive surface area for preventing said adhesive surface area from adhering to said roofing surface area when said ~~covering material~~ rolled roofing

membrane is rolled; and

a parting agent covering another portion of said ~~bottom~~lower surface of said substrate to form a parting agent covered surface area, wherein said parting agent covered surface area resists adhering to said clean surface area when said ~~covering~~ material rolled roofing membrane is rolled.

15. (Currently Amended) The rolled roofing membrane of claim 14 wherein said asphalt composition includes an oxidized asphalt with a mineral filler, and wherein said adhesive composition includes a rubberized asphalt material, wherein said asphalt composition has a low and said adhesive composition have a fuel content wherein said fuel content compared to ~~of~~ of said asphalt composition is lower than said fuel content of said adhesive composition, and wherein an amount of said asphalt composition is about twice an amount of said adhesive composition to improve fire resistance.

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16. (Previously Withdrawn) A method for making a rolled roofing membrane comprising the steps of:

providing a web having a top surface and a bottom surface; coating said top surface and said bottom surface of said web with an asphalt composition, wherein said asphalt composition saturates said web;

scraping said asphalt composition from said bottom surface of said web;

scraping said asphalt composition from a portion of said top surface of said web to form a clean surface area and an asphalt coated area;

coating said bottom surface of said web with an adhesive material, forming an adhesive surface area;

scraping said adhesive composition from a portion of said bottom surface of said web opposite said clean surface area;

applying a release backing over said adhesive surface area;
and

depositing a roofing surface material on said asphalt coated area.

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17. (Previously Withdrawn) The method of claim 16 wherein said asphalt composition includes an oxidized asphalt with a mineral filler to increase fire resistance.

18. (Previously Withdrawn) The method of claim 16 wherein said adhesive composition includes a rubberized asphalt material.

19. (Previously Withdrawn) The method of claim 16 wherein said asphalt composition has a low fuel content compared to said adhesive composition, and wherein an amount of said asphalt composition in said roofing membrane is about twice an amount of said adhesive composition to improve fire resistance.

20. (Previously Withdrawn) The method of claim 16 further including the step of applying a parting agent to said portion of said bottom surface opposite said clean surface area, forming a parting agent covered surface area.